

Ray D. Everson collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Everson, Ray D.
Title	Ray D. Everson collection
Date	1917-1967
Extent	0.5 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

Ray D. Everson collection, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

Historical Note

Ray D. Everson was an editor for the Indiana Farmer's Guide magazine. But he had a talent for water-witching, or dowsing as some people call it. Water-witching is "a strange power of grasping a fork of wood and locating water a hundred feet underground" (Water Lines, 1940). Kenneth Roberts was an author who wrote a novel about water-witching titled, "The Seventh Sense", which is about his time with Henry Gross and how to use a dowsing rod.

Source: materials from collection.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes newspaper clippings, letters, photos, and novels from Ray D. Everson and Kenneth Roberts in Indiana ranging from 1917 to 1967 regarding water-witching.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by item type.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Mrs. Russell Williams on 1973/03/31.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2016/08/22 by Kori Nell. EAD finding aid created 2016/08/24 by Kori Nell.

Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Acton (Ind.)
- Huntington (Ind.)

Personal Name(s)

- Roberts, Kenneth Lewis, 1885-1957

Subject(s)

- Dowsing

- Newspaper columns

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Water witching documents, 1917-1956 1917-1967 0.01 Cubic feet	1	1
Newspaper clippings on Ray Everson and water witching 1944-1967 0.01 Cubic feet	1	2
"Henry Gross and his Dowsing Rod" novel by Kenneth Roberts 1951 0.01 Cubic feet	1	3
"The Seventh Sense" novel by Kenneth Roberts 1953 0.01 Cubic feet	1	4